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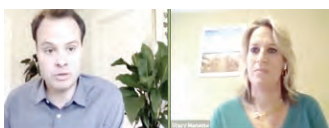
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# Memorial Day in Ludlow

*Honoring heroes at home*

By Elise Linscott  
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LUDLOW – Thomas Fournier, Ludlow's Veteran of the Year, won't get to assume the usual duties of the honorary Memorial Day Parade Marshal this year; but he will be running through town, carrying the American flag and encouraging others to honor fallen heroes at home.

The town's Veterans Services department and the Board of Selectmen are also asking residents to decorate their homes in support of veterans, while the town will hold private wreath-laying ceremonies that won't be open to the public due to physical distancing measures and the coronavirus pandemic.

"Myself and my wife, both being veterans, know how much it means to show support for our fallen comrades," Fournier said. "Now it's just going to be basically people driving around and seeing how everyone individually supports their fallen comrades. The feeling, the meaning of Memorial Day is going to be truly at heart compared to standing outside with a bunch of people (for a parade)."

Fournier served in the Army Reserve for 12 years as an engineer equipment operator and a truck driver and was deployed to



Courtesy photo

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Thomas Fournier with wife Cindy and daughter Arabella after being honored as 2019 Veteran of the Year at a ceremony in November.

## Ludlow Girl Scouts donate cookies to Baystate Health Care staff



Courtesy Photo

Troop #64693 Assistant Thomas Fournier, with staff members of Baystate Medical Center, who received 155 boxes of donated cookies.

By Jonah Snowden  
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LUDLOW – To continue serving their communities despite COVID-19, Ludlow Girls Scout Troops #11138, #30413, #12814, #64835, #64693, #11139, and #65144, all donated cookies to healthcare workers at Baystate Medical Center

in Springfield.

Thomas Fournier, an assistant leader to Troop #64693, said the decision for the initiative was made after the town's annual Veteran's Dinner, originally scheduled for April 18th, was postponed due to COVID-19.

Normally, cookies would've been donated to veterans at-

tending the annual dinner, which has since been postponed to August. This year, a portion of those donations also went to Baystate healthcare workers. Throughout the cookie season January to March, the girls receive donated boxes on a personal account and while at

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## Key Bank donates pizzas to essential workers

LUDLOW – Carla Banas, branch manager of the Ludlow office of Key Bank, along with Nina Moncrief, branch manager of the Park Tower office, and Julio Carrasquillo, Key Bank area retail leader traveled to Ludlow on May 12th to visit Charlie, owner of Pizza Corner, to purchase pizzas from his shop. The group then took the pizzas and met with Mike Brennan from the Ludlow Police Department and Ryan Pease from the Ludlow Fire Department to deliver the pizzas.

"This all started a few weeks back when several of us managers gave up our 'free lunch' from the bank and bought lunch for the nurses at Wing Memorial Hospital," Banas said. "After that, all of us managers got together and have been collecting money to donate lunch to local organizations."

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LUDLOW

Town of Ludlow – weekly update

As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, we believe that we have approximately 94 cases of the COVID-19 virus. Since our last press release and request for donations of masks and materials to make masks, we have received an incredible amount from many people who are eager and very considerate to help their community. We would like to thank the following people: Sheriff Nick Cocchi, Jodi Zepke and the Senior Center, Jacqueline Tower, Marianne Moura, Michelle Gosciminski, Meagan Goncalves, Debbie Nacewicz, Joanne Bowen, Judy Marek, Nancy Peck, Miriam Glover, Judith Snyder and the First Church, Betty Hoffmeier, Bea Howe, Joan Beaulier, Pamela Cormier, Mary Petrolati, Barbara Babula and Roselyn Sousa. All of your hard work and donations mean more than you know. Thank you.

From our Senior Center: A reminder that the staff is working. The building may be closed to the public, but they are there to help with any questions or concerns about food, benefits, Grab and Go meals, or anything else. You can call the Center at 583-3564.

From our Police Department: The paving of Center Street will take place all day Tuesday, May 19, 2020. This will undoubtedly cause some traffic problems so if you can avoid the area from Center Street and Harding Ave. to Center and Chapin streets, please do so.

From Eversource: A warning about scammers appearing to be Eversource or other utilities. The COVID-19 outbreak has led to an increase in scam activity, with sophisticated scammers finding unique and intimidating ways to exploit people and steal their money during these uncertain times. Eversource will never demand instant payment over the phone nor ask for personal information in an unsolicited call, text, or email. If you suspect that you’ve been targeted by a scam, please call them immediately at 877-659-6326.

For those wondering about the flag display on the Town Hall lawn, behind the Military Service flags are 88 American flags, each symbolizing a Veteran from the Holyoke Soldier’s Home that passed away since the pandemic started. Our VSO Eric Segundo and Brian Willette of

the VFW are responsible for the display.

From Governor Baker: You can now find a COVID-19 test site near you by accessing [www.mass.gov/covidtestmap](http://www.mass.gov/covidtestmap). Simply put in your zip code or town and it will show the closest test sites within ten miles.

Finally, a caution to our residents who are planning birthday “parades” or “caravans.” We all understand how, under our current circumstances, these birthday “parades” are uplifting and fun for all. Our caution is about the growing size of the number of vehicles involved and the amount of people gathering together while the vehicles pass by. Please be cognizant of the traffic laws, others around you, and the Governor’s orders of only 10 persons in a gathering with masks and proper spacing if not immediate family. Let’s continue to celebrate each other’s milestones, let’s just do them safely.

God Bless, and Take Care of Each Other,  
**Derek G. DeBarge**  
*Chairman, Board of Selectmen*

Notice from the  
Department of  
Public Works

LUDLOW – Due to the fact that the Department of Public Works has been closed since March 20th and could not get the letters sent asking residents to read their Auxiliary Water Meters that control their sprinkler systems, the letters will not go out until sometime in June. In the meantime, residents can read the meters if they want to up until June 30th. Since staff members are not in the office all the time, please do not leave a message and ask for a call back. Instead, leave the address, name and reading either on the telephone or send to [fpooler@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:fpooler@ludlow.ma.us). Florence Pooler will be back in the office as of Tuesday, May 19th if anyone has questions.

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# Ludlow Rotary Club, Neighbor Helping Neighbor

LUDLOW – On May 16, members of the Ludlow Rotary Club came together to help the community with a food drive, Neighbor Helping Neighbor. The event was held at the front of the Ludlow High School from 12-2. Numerous residents came through with their donations.

Event coordinator and Rotarian April Beston said, “I was so humbled by the extreme generosity of our neighbors. We were able to fill three SUVs to overflowing with non-perishable food items, toiletries, diapers and feminine products. We also received monetary donations and the Ludlow Rotary will be making a monetary donation as well. We are so blessed to be able to provide assistance to those in need during these difficult times.”

Rotary Club president Kevin A. Vestal added, “It is only through the support of individuals and businesses that we can provide this type of assistance to support our community. Thank you to all who supported not only this event but also the Ludlow Rotary Club.”



Rotarian volunteers were, Tony Sanches, Emma Jean Pea-body and newest Ludlow Rotary member, Derek DeBarge. April Beston, Kevin A. Vestal, Yvonne Santos, Gloria Faria,





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As we head into week 10 of our shut down, just a reminder WE ARE STILL HERE! Many have asked me over the last week when I think we will reopen. I cannot answer that for you. What I can tell you is that we are working on a plan. The Town, our State organization and the State of MA are working extremely hard to get a plan together so that Senior Centers can eventually reopen. It will be slow and with many precautions, but it is to keep everyone safe. We are just as anxious as you all to reopen. We will get there! Meanwhile, the staff has returned on a rotating basis and therefore we are here for any of your needs, concerns or questions. Please just call us at 413-583-3564 or e-mail at [coa@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:coa@ludlow.ma.us). Please like ‘Ludlow Senior Center’ on Facebook for many programs and a lot of information. We are working with cable access to bring programming to channel 191 as well. Every day we are coming up with new ways to connect with our older residents.

Grab and Go continues to grow! We love seeing your faces! Just remember to make your reservation 24 hours in advance. You have to be over 60 and drive. Pick up is Tuesdays and Thursdays 11-11:45am. The menu is below.

### Grab and Go menu

**May 22nd:** Chicken Louisa  
**May 26th:** Spaghetti and Meatballs  
**May 28th:** Chef Salad  
**June 2nd:** Salisbury Steak

Isolation and loneliness feels like it is common these days. It does not need to be. We are in the office daily. Please call us even if it is just to chat. Trust me, we miss you just as much (if not more) than you miss us! Hang in there! We are SeniorStrong and stronger than ever.

-Jodi Zepke

## Ludlow Lions Club cancels annual pancake breakfast

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Lions Club is sad to announce the annual pancake breakfast and raffle had to be canceled due to the pandemic. We would like to remind you we still have boxes for used eyeglasses at Big Y and Randall’s.

Although we have not been able to hold meetings or fundraisers, we will continue to SERVE our community when it is safe to do so.

Thank you to our Community for your ongoing support.

## St. Elizabeth Parish holds ‘Miss You Caravan’



LUDLOW – On Sunday, May 3rd, parishioners at St. Elizabeth Parish held a “Miss You Caravan” for Monsignor Gosselin, Friar Bolton, and deacons Norm Grondin, Tom Rickson and Keith Davies.

“A wonderful turnout showed up to show them how much we miss our parish and pastoral staff,” said parishioner Pat Flaherty.




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# Local businesses partner to provide meals for frontline workers

LUDLOW – The novel coronavirus has sparked a public health emergency that has required front line workers like doctors and nurses, first responders and pharmacists to work tirelessly to keep the public safe. With this in mind, Ludlow-based Pioneer Valley Financial Group and Mill’s Tavern and Grille formed a partnership to cook and deliver food to the frontline workers who need the community’s support the most.

Starting on April 10th, each week, PV Financial has donated \$350 to Mill’s Tavern to help pay for the cost of food and delivery, while also relying upon donations from the community through a GoFundMe campaign that has raised over \$1,300 dollars since its inception.

“This is my way of giving back to those frontline workers who are sacrificing and contributing so much to keep us safe during these tough times,” said Paul Marques, owner of Mill’s Tavern and Grille.

Donations to the GoFundMe have allowed Mill’s Tavern and PV Financial to deliver more than 250 meals to hospitals, police and fire departments, and pharmacies all across Western Massachusetts.



Peter Leonczyk (PV Financial employee) with the Ludlow Fire Department.

These locations include the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke, Baystate Marylane Hospital in Ware, and the CVS Pharmacy in Ludlow.

“Delivering to local, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and National Guard members working diligently during these uncertain times means more than just providing free meals,” says PV Financial Managing Partner Edward Sokolowski, “It’s a show

of support to members of our community fighting an unspeakable tragedy, putting themselves at risk to keep others safe.”

During the public health emergency, the Mill’s Tavern is open for take-out meal service only Wednesday through Sunday. Fundraising efforts and deliveries to frontline workers through PV Financial and Mill’s Tavern will continue to as long as it is needed, and all donated proceeds will



Karen Noguiera (PV Financial employee) with pharmacists from CVS in Ludlow.

go to providing meals to frontline workers. Those wishing to make a donation or to learn more about the campaign, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/PV-Mill'sTavern>.

## Indian Orchard Food Bank Brown Bag set for June 5

INDIAN ORCHARD – The Indian Orchard Food Bank of Western Mass. Brown Bag will be Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, in the parking lot across the street from 117 Main St., in Myrtle Street Park. To keep everyone safe, please drive into the parking lot and line cars up; please do not park and get out of the car. The bags will be handed through the car windows. Pick up time will be no earlier than noon and no later than 1 p.m. Feel free to call Linda at 413-301-5213 with any questions.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

A classic home improvement



By Joan E. B. Coombs

Home improvements appear to be at an all-time high during this COVID-19 isolation and incubation time. Recent stormy weather with tornado warnings and wild winds reaped havoc. Essential stores have remained opened supplying needed items for home repairs and improvements. Sanitized shopping carts and one-way aisle arrows tell customers how and where to go.

Creative solutions revitalize the mind. Alongside repairs, weeks of home confinement are having some surprising restorative enterprises. By all appearances families and friends are tearing off original wallpaper that’s “been on the walls since the house was built!” Discoveries are being made. Holes in walls hidden behind mirrors are being found and getting plastered. All ages, even the young, with magic markers in hand, are decorating rooms with new drawings and themes.

Lately, while noticing all the home improvements that are making a definite impact on each household, it reminded me of a time when a refurbishing project definitely had a downward spiral.

Enter The Hub who performed an absolutely, unmistakable spring fling.

It happened, when once upon a spring time, a toddler outgrew his crib and it was time to celebrate his growth and graduation to a “big boy’s bed.” A second-hand youth bed and triple dresser set was bought, and the family of four voted to paint it. They also decided to wallpaper his room’s plain walls with a barn-board design and to decorate it with a new western theme.

Wallpapering done. Western décor was a work in progress.

Next, prep to paint the youth bedroom set a “Royal Colonial Blue” in the basement. Drop cloths. Gloves. Paint brushes. Paint thinner. Oil-based paint.

Being shorter than Mr. Hub’s well-over-six-foot frame, The Mom swabbed the lowest spots. Soon only the side panels and the dresser top were left. Then painting the top was last.

Meanwhile the “Royal Colonial Blue” paint held its noble status while overseeing us. “OOPS!” he gasped.

“THIS ISN’T REAL.”

“STAY THERE!”... “I’ll grab a cloth.”

Within blinks, The Mom’s shoulder length hair was officially dubbed a streaming royal blue.

Consequently, The Hubs career as a laboratory paint chemist could have ended. But, being familiar with the redeemable qualities of solvents, he was sure of a solution. Or was he?

After removing as much of the sloshed paint as possible with a towel, other remedies, even the acclaimed “hair-spray” was tried. But, all efforts failed.

Apologetically he took The Mom’s hand and gently guided her upstairs.

Towel turbaned, she called the neighborhood hairdresser.

“It’s a very bad hair day. ‘Got time for a haircut?’”

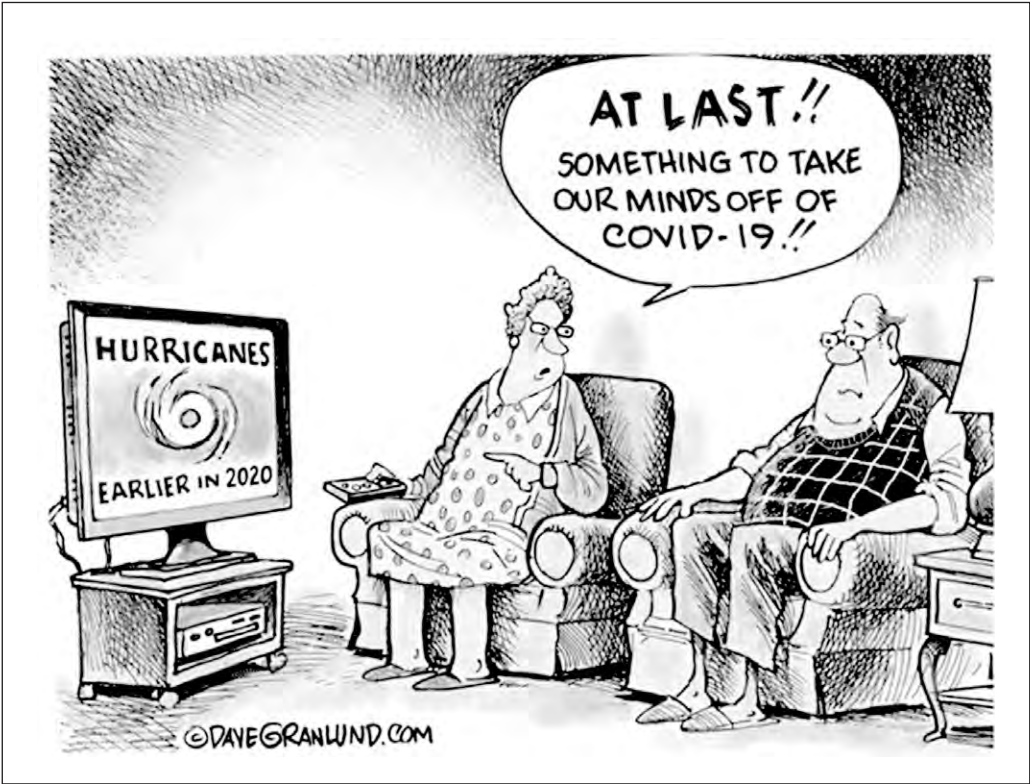
“Sure. What’s up? Big date with The Hub?”

“No. But, you may find this hard to believe... (Giggles) Royal blue paint...” (Squeals.)

“Come right over!” (Chuckles)

Entering the salon, her hairdresser and several clients had heard about the new-blue hairo. Everyone, including The Mom, burst into outrageous, side-holding laughter.

Although leaving the salon that afternoon with a much shorter hair style, The Mom still has fond memories, including chuckles, whenever she recalls a classic home improvement.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

High praise for nursing home staff

To the Editor:

It was Monday morning at 3:10 AM when my wife took the call. “Hi Deb, this is Desiree. Your Dad passed peacefully about 10 minutes ago. We were in the room holding his hand when he passed.”

It was the end of a 7-month battle with lung cancer and then COVID-19. The most difficult part was not being with “Dad” in the end. We could not enter the facility and we could only wave to him through the window and speak to him through the nurses who were providing his care. My last words to Rachel, one of the nurses taking care of my Father-in-Law were, “Please tell him ‘Thank you’ for allowing me to marry his daughter.” These words came with tears in my eyes as I watched three nurses stand by my Father-in-Law’s bed which had been pushed next to the window because Rachel and the other nurses knew that we would be outside the window that afternoon. This was simply one of many acts of kindness by Rachel and the staff.

In the weeks leading up to his death, COVID-19 stories were the headline in the news each night. Massachusetts was still climbing a steep hill in regard to the number of cases and the number of deaths related to COVID-19. It had been a full month since we last visited my Father-in-Law inside the nursing home. But since that last visit, Rachel, Desiree, Tommy, and Steve became heroes to my wife, Deb, and me.

Rachel took the time to FaceTime with my wife and Betty, my Mother-in-Law. Rachel did this daily and provided an opportunity for each of us to speak with and see a Husband, a Dad, a Brother, and a Ludlow High School Athletic Hall-of-Famer. Rachel also took the time to understand Vinnie, my Father-in-Law. She downloaded a playlist of Polish songs sent by my wife and she would play that for Vinnie during his final weeks, days, and hours. It was what we had done the last time we visited him in the nursing home. When Deb was on a FaceTime call as Rachel held her own cell phone up to Vinnie’s eyes, she would belt out lyrics including, “In Heaven, there is no beer...that’s why I’m staying here.” Vinnie would sing along with her despite his dementia. He had become immobile, not able to eat on his own nor recognize his own wife, daughter, or son at times. But when it came to Polish music and beer lyrics, the synapses would connect just as they did 20 years earlier. It was the same when Deb brought in his softball glove and played catch with him in the rehab room. He could still arc his softball pitches and

throw a knuckleball.

Rachel would also sit with him during her shift. Hold his hand. Talk to him softly with reassuring words. All this while 7, then 10, then 18 patients contracted the virus. Seven staff members also tested positive for COVID-19 by the time my Father-in-Law passed but those who could work continued to do so, without any expectation of reward or acknowledgement. During his final 24 hours, Rachel was scheduled to work from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. My wife and I drove 2 ½ hours from the Cape to be at the nursing home because Rachel had told us the end was near. We met my mother-in-law, Betty, and my brother-in-law, Dave, at the nursing home. We parked with a space between each of our cars. We wore our masks. We called and texted each other on our cell phones. We could not take the chance of my Betty contracting coronavirus. We knew that it was best to stay in separate cars, but we felt like we needed to wait in the nursing home parking lot in case the call came.

Once or twice, Deb walked from the car to Vinnie’s window. She looked in. Deb saw Rachel holding his hand as she sat in a chair facing Vinnie. Rachel’s shift ended at 3:00 but she had stayed past her shift because she knew we were driving from the Cape. We arrived at 3:30 and Rachel continued to stay. She wanted to be by Vinnie’s side when he passed because we could not be inside. She had to be both a “family member” and a nurse. Rachel stayed until 7:00 that night - 4 hours of extra time - before leaving as she had another shift the next morning. We waited in the parking lot until 10:00 PM. Vinnie was a fighter and he was not going to go without a fight. We decided it was best to drive 2 ½ hours back to the Cape since sleeping in the Jeep in the parking lot was not the best option. We also knew that nurses like Rachel and Desiree were inside. They held hands, spoke softly and with reassuring comfort. They put their own safety at risk in order to be inside...inside the building and inside as the hearts and minds of family members for their patients.

Deb wanted to be inside. She wanted to comfort her Dad and hold his hand. She wanted to be with him until the end. But she did not want to bring the virus back out to her Mom, her brother, me, or others.

Steve and Tommy were the CNAs for the wing. They knew Vinnie. They smiled at Vinnie. They treated him respectfully even as he argued with them and became combative due to his dementia. They understood how to work as a team to help

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GUEST COLUMN

Broccoli, anyone?

Lots of people shy away from growing broccoli in the garden, but it really is quite easy to produce stalks that rival those you'd buy at the grocery store. I got to the task of getting my transplants in the ground this weekend. Hopefully by early July I will be freezing lots of this yummy vegetable. Read on to learn the ropes of broccoli culture.

Planning for the broccoli harvest began back in the winter when I ordered my seeds. I prefer to grow three or more varieties, each with a different maturity date, that way I don't have a bumper crop all at once. With big heads staggered over the course of a few weeks, freezing won't become overwhelming. I also like to extend the harvest, so I am sure to include varieties that produce good side shoots.

I sowed my seeds off heat in early April, and transplanted the seedlings into recycled six-packs by months' end. Over the last three weeks I have nursed them along inside on sunny window sills and outdoors when weather permitted. They are at the four-inch leaf stage right now, the perfect size to transplant into the garden. If you are purchasing your plants from the garden center, try to select seedlings that size. Sometimes when they are bigger, and root bound, they become stunted and never develop decent heads. If you chose them from inside a greenhouse, spend a few days hardening them off prior to planting by gradually exposing them to outdoors. If possible, choose a cloudy, drizzly day for installing in the garden. Amend the soil with a shovel full of aged compost or manure for each plant along with a sprinkling of lime and granular organic fertilizer. I like planting broccoli a foot apart in staggered "wide rows;" it saves space in the garden be-

cause fewer foot paths are needed.

Since cutworms find broccoli seedlings especially appealing, circle the plant's stem at planting time with a barrier of thick paper or cardboard sunk into the soil an inch or two. The waxy containers that soy milk or orange juice come in work great, and are easily cut to the right size with a pair of scissors. Don't put this job off; sometimes cutworms can find transplants the very first night!

As the season progresses be on the lookout for the green cabbage worm; you will see the white moths first. A friend of mine had great luck capturing them with a butterfly net! I usually just remove the few worms I find and as long as I am diligent this pest doesn't pose a huge problem.

In what seems like no time at all, heads will start to form. When they are the size of a quarter scratch in some more granular fertilizer at the base of the plant. Make sure moisture is sufficient. Harvest when the main head is still tightly packed but before it bursts into flower. Some heads may grow eight inches or more, but others don't have the same potential. Freeze in small portions after blanching with steam or boiling water for three minutes, chilling in an ice bath and air drying.

The cross-striped cabbageworm poses a worse problem in my garden than any other caterpillar, and usually appears mid-harvest. It is three-quarter of an inch in length and has black and yellow stripes that run along each side of its body. Foliage can be riddled with

holes and buds can be eaten as well. When mature, the larvae drop from the plant to the soil and pupate in a tight cocoon enmeshed in sand. The adult moth is yellowish brown, with a wingspan of about an inch. Its forewings are marked with brown zig-zags while its paler hind wings have five or six spots on them. Eggs are laid in masses on the foliage; when the weather is warm they hatch in less than a week. The cross-striped cabbageworm as well as other cater-

pillars that attack broccoli and its relatives can be effectively controlled using one of the *Bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.) products. B.t. is a microbial insecticide that produces protein crystals toxic to some insects but is safe for all mammals, birds and fish. The directions on the package can help time your application for when it will be most effective. This year I planted all of my cruciferous vegetables under a floating row cover, light spun polyester draped over wire hoops. We'll see how it works. In years past I've used this fabric for pest control early on, but never tried it for the whole season.

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Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

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patients and family members. Vinnie knew that Steve and Tommy liked him. Even when he was combative, he knew...and he would, eventually, follow their directions. Respect, a smile, dedication, and professionalism go a long way when you are working with patients...including those with COVID-19, lung cancer, and dementia.

We sent cards to the staff, including Rachel. We even bought the wing a new coffee machine once they were allowed to accept deliveries. We hope the coffee helps them on a long, hard day...and we hope the card and the coffee maker help them remember Vinnie. Because we will never forget the heroes and angels that we had with Desiree, Tommy, Steve, AND Rachel. Thank you for being there...for us and for others.

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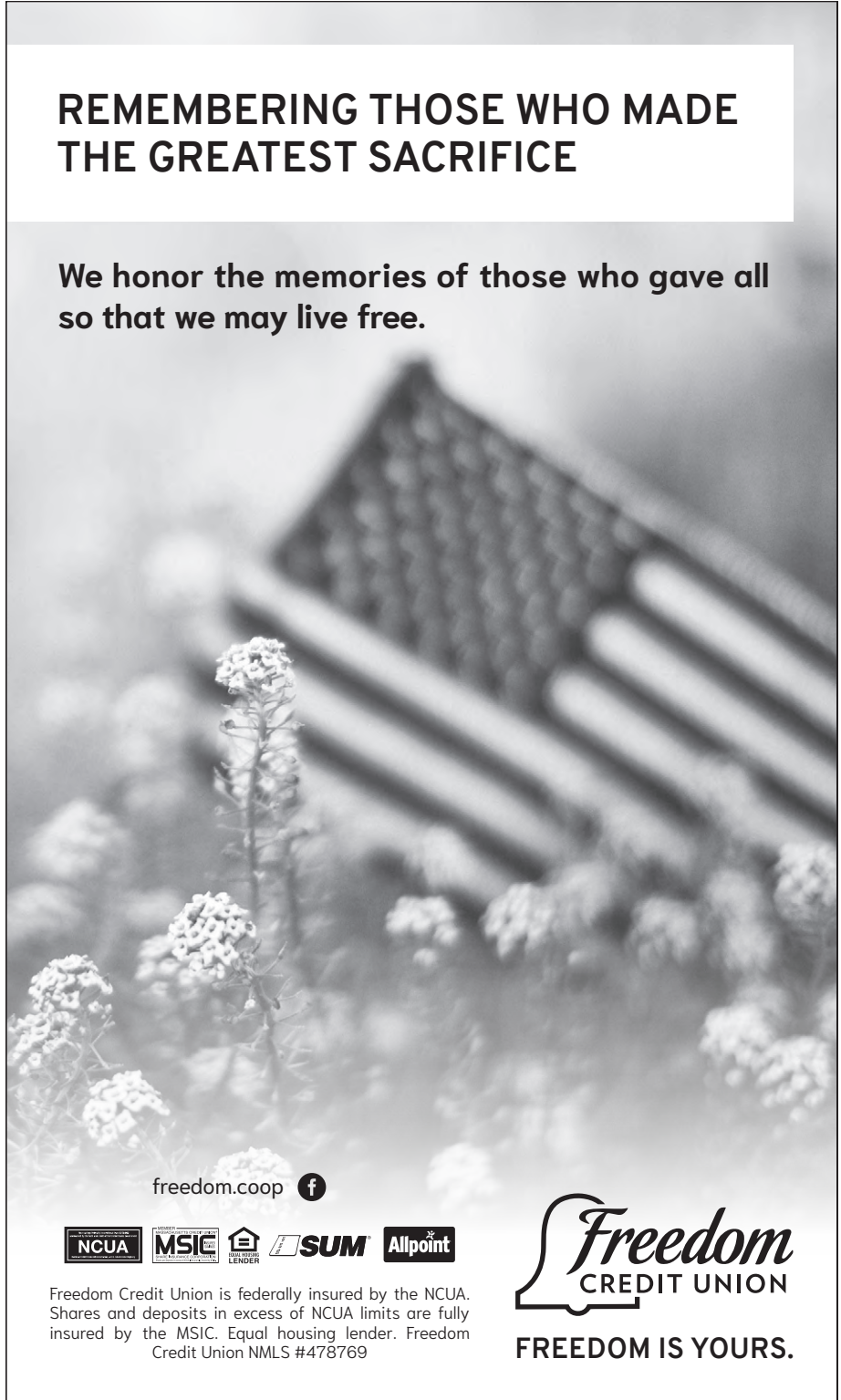
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Iraq for 18 months. Currently, he lives in Ludlow with his wife and daughter and works as a safety officer for a construction company out of Auburn. His wife, Cindy, retired from the Army Reserves with over 23 years served.

Typically, the Ludlow Veteran of the Year is honored at the annual parade and rides in a car waving to bystanders along the one-mile parade route, which runs from East Street to Center Street, ending at Memorial Park.

Last year, Fournier said he walked in the parade, carrying a flag with the VFW. He estimated that roughly a couple thousand people attended.

This year, Fournier said he and his family will be decorating the house. Since Fournier is also a runner and often runs while carrying an American flag, he'll be putting on his running shoes again over the long weekend, honoring his brothers and sisters in arms who've passed away.

"There's usually a lot of people blowing their horns, giving me thumbs up and cheering," he said of running with the flag. "I know in the Ludlow community forum a couple of people

have taken pictures and posted them to the community forum, thanking me for doing that. It's definitely a big morale boost for the community as well."

Fournier was honored as Veteran of the Year at a Veteran's Day service in November, which was held in the auditorium of Ludlow High School. He was given a trophy and letters of thanks and congratulations from Governor Charlie Baker and local congressmen. Prior to being awarded the title of Veteran of the Year, he submitted the following bio to the town's Veterans Services department:

Hello, I am Tom Fournier, I live in Ludlow Mass., with my wife Cindy of 14 years and our seven-and-a-half-year-old daughter Arabella, where we have lived for almost eight years. I am from a central Mass. town called Charlton. This is where I was raised and grew up and was the class of 2000 from Shepley Hill Regional High School in Dudley. After returning home from Basic Training, I got a job at R.H. White Construction in Auburn Mass., where I have been for 18 years, with the last six years as a Safety Officer.

I joined the Army Reserves while I was still in high school and conducted

Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in October 2000. Then I completed my AIT there as well as a 62J (Equipment Operator). From there I was assigned to 226th Transportation based out of Westover Air Reserve Base. In 2002 while in the 226th, Cindy joined the unit and the rest is history. In 2005 Cindy and I were picked to deploy to Iraq with 220th Transportation based out of Keene, N.H. The 220th sent me to reclass to 88M (Truck Driver) in July of 2005. Then prior to our deployment date of August 23rd, Cindy and I got married on August 20th, 2005. On the 23rd we shipped out to Indiana to start our training for Iraq. We were boots on ground in the beginning of November, with a mission of running supplies across Iraq. In April of 2006, our mission changed, and our unit relocated bases on Iraq to start hauling fuel across Iraq. Roughly around May/June 2006 time frame, I was promoted to E-6 Staff Sergeant. The mission for the 220th came to an end in August of 2006. Though being deployed with your wife had some perks, we said we didn't have enough fun and extended our deployment. We were then transferred to the 2-136 CAB, 34th Red Bull Infantry Division of the Minnesota National

Guard. I was put with their route clearance platoon, where we maintained the conditions of the road and other FOB's. Then in May of 2007 Cindy and I decided we had enough of Iraq and came home. Once home I went back to the 226th for a short time until I transferred to the 302nd MEB. While at the MEB, I was a platoon SGT for over a year. Then I ETS in November 2011.

Since I got out of the military, I have stayed active in many ways supporting veterans. I have attended many military functions. I am a team member on Team RWB (Red White Blue). I have run in the Tough Ruck Marathon three times, each time carrying 40-44lbs in a ruck for those who can no longer ruck. I have run the Run to Home Base which is a run to raise funds between the Boston Red Sox and Mass General Hospital to help those dealing with PTSD. I have run the Army 10-miler in D.C two times and a countless number of runs that the military benefits from. Then a year ago I finally joined the Sgt. Joshua d. Desforjes Post 3236 VFW. The next big move for me was when I joined the VFW in 2018. I only did a one-year membership, but I just filled out the application to become a live member.

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cookie booths.

"There is never a goal set to receive – just as many as possible," said Fournier. "The girls see the excitement on the veterans faces when they get the cookies." He also said that the Scouts understand the importance of supporting veterans.

After realizing that the cookies could be donated to healthcare workers, Fournier said that he reached out to leader of all the Girls Scout Troops in Ludlow, asking if they could give away some of the donated cookies to the hospital.

"Once the leaders were okay with it, I collected all the donated cookies from the troops, totaling 355 boxes of cookies. I then contacted Baystate Hospital, set up a delivery time and delivered the cookies," said Fournier.

Fournier made the delivery to Baystate on April 7. During the process of donating the cookies, Fournier also said that the Baystate staff were given the option to give the cookies to other facilities.

In response to this donation, Fournier said they have been thanked numerous times. Fournier also said they were happy to donate these cookies to the staff of

Baystate, considering the importance of healthcare workers.

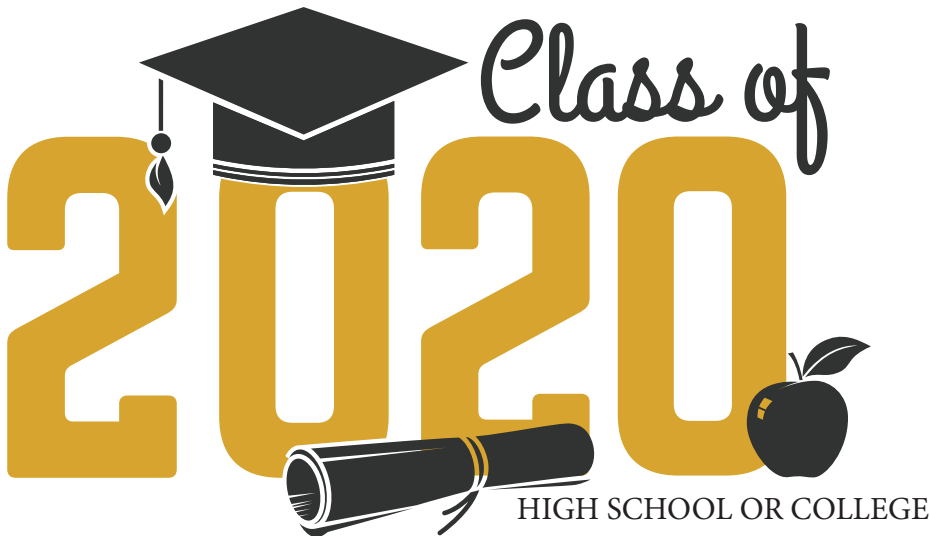
"They are appreciated for what they're doing," said Fournier. "Any healthcare worker walking into a hospital under this condition for a 12-plus hour shift knows what they're walking into. At no time do any of them back down."

As for the Girl Scouts, Fournier said he appreciates all the work they did throughout the cookie season. He also said the hours spent out in the cold at booths selling cookies and collecting the donations is all appreciated, and that he is very proud of all of them.

Out of the 355 boxes of cookies the Girl Scouts collected, only 155 boxes were taken to the hospital. The remaining 200 boxes will be given to the veteran's dinner, scheduled for August. As for further initiatives, he said that the Girl Scouts are currently putting their focus on ensuring they can donate the rest of the cookies to the veterans.

To learn more about the Girl Scouts, and the services they provide, which includes motivating girls to be courageous, confident, and willing to make the world a better place, visit <https://www.gscwm.org/>.

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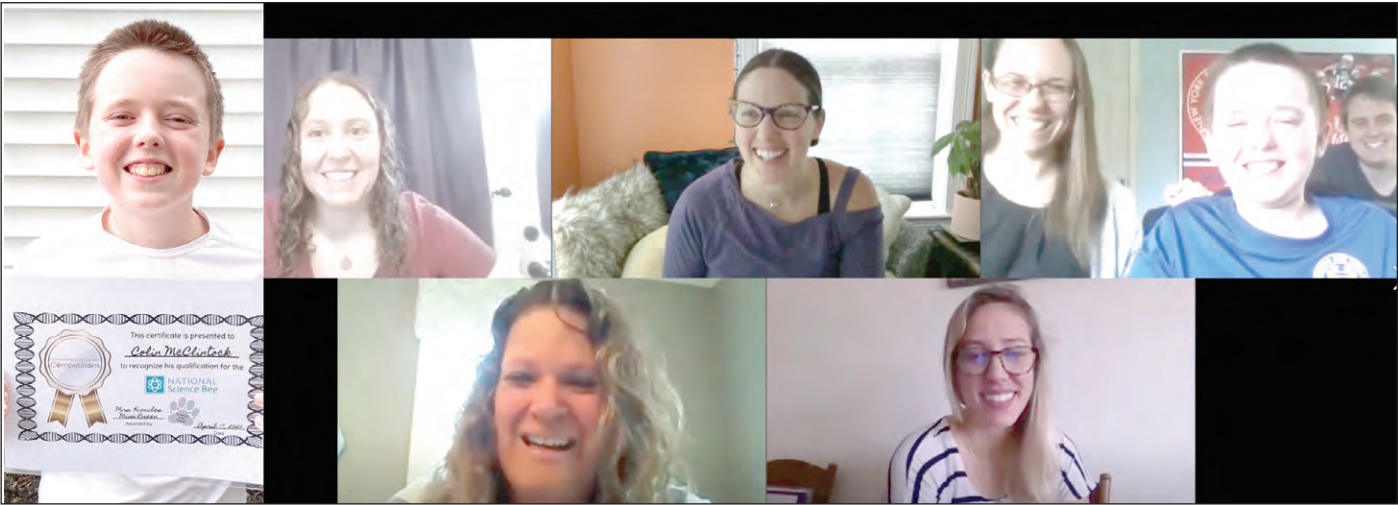
## Veterans Park student heads to National Science Bee

LUDLOW – Veterans Park School 5th grader Colin McClintock’s love of science has propelled him to compete in the National Science Bee (5th Grade and Under category) in Chicago this December.

When the Regional competition, scheduled for March, which Colin qualified for this past December was cancelled due to COVID-19, the organizers decided to take the Online Regional Qualifying Exam scores as the qualifying determination for participation in the national finals. Having scored a 45 on that exam, and with the cutoff score of 30 to qualify for Nationals, Colin was informed that he would be heading to Chicago!

Due to school closures as a result of COVID-19, Colin’s Veterans Park community was unable to celebrate this amazing accomplishment with a typical school-wide congratulations so his teachers, Allison Breen, Melanie Pecoy, Madison Spillers and principal, Melissa Knowles did the next best thing – they scheduled a Zoom meeting to personally send their congratulations to Colin and his parents.

Of her student’s achievement, 5th grade Veterans Park science teacher, Allison Breen, commented, “I was not surprised at all to see that not only did Colin qualify, but did so by such a large margin. He has been a wonderful ad-



Courtesy photo

Veterans Park 5th grader Colin McClintock recently qualified for the National Science Bee.

dition to our class this year and I can’t wait to see what amazing things he does in the future.”

“Colin is a person that is going to do great things; this is just one of the many accomplishments that he will have! He has a positive attitude, determined work ethic, curiosity and appreciation of others and his experiences,” shared 5th grade reading/writing teacher, Melanie Pecoy. “His classmates started to coin the phrase, ‘It’s cool to be smart’ because they were sincerely proud of Colin.”

“We are so proud of him and hope

to be there in Chicago this December as he continues to shine,” added Pecoy.

Colin’s parents, Sean and Kristen McClintock, said they are extremely proud of their son and his accomplishment.

“We are excited for him to have the opportunity to compete in Chicago,” said his mother. “Colin is very lucky to have such supportive teachers and staff who have encouraged him along the way.”

When asked his feelings about achieving this esteemed opportunity

Colin said he is very excited and “thinks it will be a blast.”

Adding, “I imagine it will be a very memorable experience.”

“Colin is a remarkable student,” said Veterans Park School Principal, Melissa Knowles. “We are all so proud of his accomplishment.”

“No matter the results following the competition Colin has forever made his mark at Vets Park as one of the kindest, brightest, and extremely caring students from our school, who also is the first Ludlow student to qualify for the National Science Bee.”



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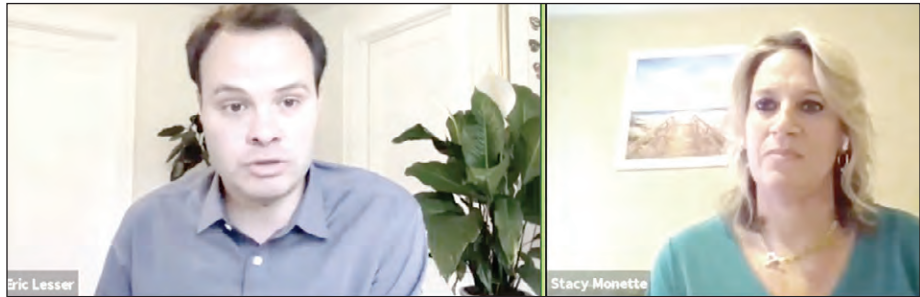


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SPRINGFIELD - Senator Eric P. Lesser offered congratulations on May 18<sup>th</sup> to Stacy Monette, Belchertown resident and principal of the Paul R. Baird Middle School in Ludlow for her selection as Massachusetts Middle School Principal of the Year. The two also discussed educational challenges surrounding remote online learning for educators, students, and parents. The video from the livestream can be accessed on Facebook and Twitter.

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offers two law school scholarships

REGION - The Hampden County Bar Association is now accepting applications for the John F. Moriarty Scholarship and the Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship. The John F. Moriarty Scholarship is available to any Hampden County resident who has been admitted to or is attending a certified law school for the 2020-2021 academic year. Applicants must have been residents of Hampden County for at least five years. The deadline date for the John F. Moriarty Scholarship is July 15, 2020. The Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship is available to any Veteran with an Honor-

able Discharge or a current member of the United States Military who has been admitted to or is attending a certified law school in New England for the 2020-2021 year. The deadline for the Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship is July 15, 2020. Both scholarships are based on merit and financial need. Both applications and additional information are available by contacting the Caitlin Glenn at the Hampden County Bar Association at (413) 732-4660, caitlin@hcbar.org or online at <https://www.hcbar.org/about-us/scholarships/>



Key Bank branch managers donated pizzas on May 12th to frontline and essential workers

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After Wing Memorial Hospital, managers also donated to the Holyoke Police Department. Next on the list

were the Ludlow fire and police departments. “Ludlow police and fire departments have been so good to our area and although our branch is tempo-

rarily closed in town, they are keeping a close watch on it until we re-open,” Banas said. “We wanted to show our love and support to as many hard-working, selfless people as we can

during these hard times. We have all been affected by the current health crisis in some way and we all wanted to give back to the communities we work and live in and love so much.”



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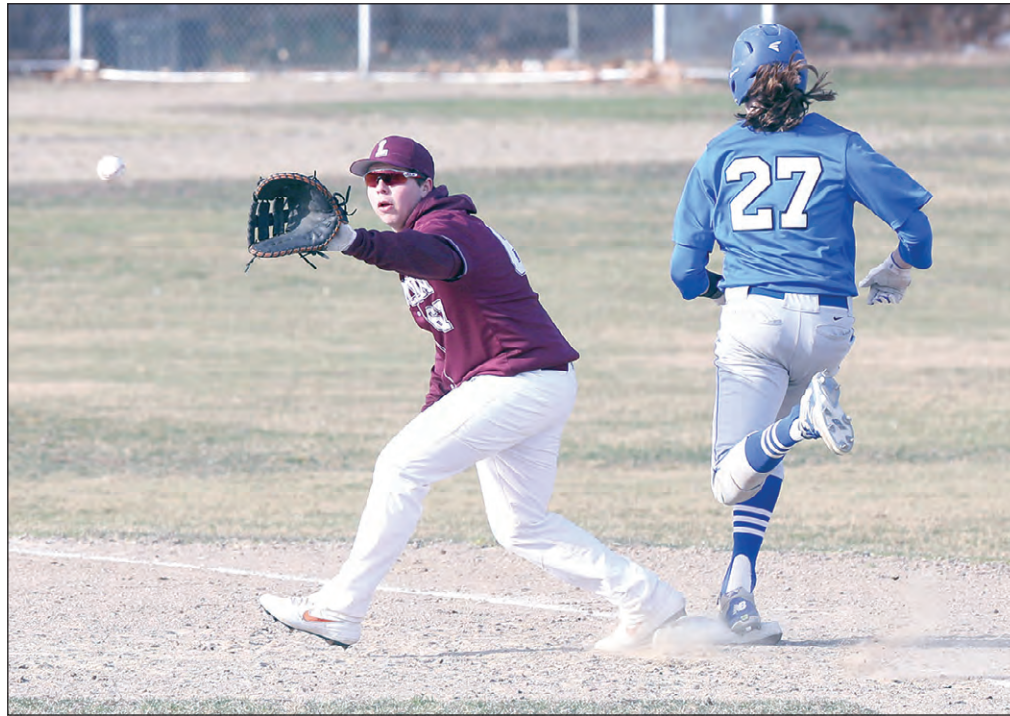
## Lions were ready for interesting 2020 season

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School baseball team has seen its share of struggles over the past few seasons, failing to qualify for tournament despite having some talented pitching and some clutch hitting.

Coach Martin Fanning is disappointed to see the 2020 season cancelled, saying he was looking forward to an interesting season that would have had some rebuilding, but four seniors who would have played in their final year with the Lions.

“I expected we could very well start four freshmen and one sophomore,” Fanning said of his early projections. “Playing our schedule with that amount of inexperience would have been interesting, but a lot of fun. It would have been great to watch the improvement as the season progressed. We really did have the right seniors for such a young team. Nick Wilken and Greg Ricardi are the two seniors with significant playing time. Nick would have been a three-year starter. He had a monster season last year, leading us in nearly every offensive category, including a .618 on base percentage. Most likely, he would have played every inning for us at first base and he would have hit third. Greg



Nicholas Wilken stretches, but the runner is safe for Palmer during a game last year for the Lions.

started last season, mixing being the outfield and DH. I am certain he would have started at one of the outfield positions.”

His two other seniors are Ryan Beebe and Josh Dynak.

“Ryan pitched and played a little first base last year,” said Fanning. “He was splitting time between the varsity and JV. He would have pitched for us this year. Ryan is strike thrower and

with the introduction this year of a tight pitch count, more arms are needed, especially one that can throw strikes. Ryan would have filled that roll well. Josh Dynak was stuck behind some very good seniors the last two years, but he would have been in the mix for an infield position this year. The other great thing about both Ryan and Josh is they are such good teammates. When you

have a young team, the seniors really need to buy into what you are trying to accomplish. Ryan and Josh would have forced the younger players to compete that much harder for starting positions.”

Fanning also wanted to mention Sophia Giza, a senior who served as a scorekeeper for the Lions and would have continued in the position this year.



File photos

Ryan Beebe would have been a senior on this year's squad.

“I had the good fortune of having Sophia in two classes during her time at LHS and she handled the JV statistics last year,” said Fanning. “With the addition of the pitch count, this year was going to be even more. Now we also have to keep track of the opposing teams pitch count and this becomes the offi-

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## Guidelines updated for safe golfing

REGION – Golf is a healthy outdoor activity that is viable and relatively low risk. It is also an outlet for people to exercise and seek some physical and mental respite from the state's stay-at-home advisory, all while supporting economic activity and employment in the local golf industry. With vast areas of open space with fresh-cut grass, trees, streams and ponds, a golf course provides the unique ability for social distancing in a stress-free environment.

That said, there are guidelines that will be in place to protect the safety of our golf community, including players, golf course staff, and club and course officials. These changes cover everything from booking a tee time to departing the golf course, and all things between. The ultimate goal is to keep everyone safe while they're playing and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As golf season resumes, it is the responsibility of members and employees at all Massachusetts golf courses and facilities to strictly adhere to these guidelines that the state's Re-Opening Advisory Board has issued to ensure that golf remains an

appropriate recreational activity. Additional measures may be put into place as we adapt to the “new normal” for the foreseeable future.

“We're excited that this first step has been made to re-open golf,” said Jesse Menachem, Mass Golf's Executive Director/CEO. “Our work isn't done yet. We will continue to work with the Governor's Administration to further clarify the orders and keep our members informed as the situation continues to evolve. We will base our decisions surrounding Mass Golf events on the safety and well-being of all of us.”

As a reminder, we are in score posting season and the USGA has addressed questions regarding Rules and Handicapping during the COVID-19 era. Please click here for more information.

We understand that this year has been and will continue to be different than others. We'll miss the celebratory high-fives and socializing in the clubhouse after your round concludes, but we will get back to that eventually. For now, let's enjoy the game with honor and begin to show once again that Massachusetts

has the most enthusiastic golf community in the country.

In order to ensure that upon reopening that all courses will operate in a safe and effective manner, we have provided the following guidance:

Updated guidelines for golf course:

Security personnel can be delineated by each club (ex. A pro and the head starter) and will be present to enforce social distancing. There can be no other employees working at the recreational component of the golf operation.

All staff must wear face coverings while on property.

Course facilities including but not limited to the clubhouse, golf shop, restaurant, bag room and locker room must remain closed.

No caddies allowed.

No golf carts allowed, except as outlined below:

The use of a motorized cart may be permitted for any individual with a disability who is seeking a reasonable accommodation to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). A golfer who wants to use a cart should provide documentation or otherwise certify

in writing to the golf course that he or she has a disability that requires the use of the cart.

Any carts used must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. The course operator may not use non-essential employees to handle the renting and/or cleaning of the carts. Only security and groundskeeping personnel are permitted on the premises.

Push carts may be used. Players must either carry their own bag or use a push cart.

All golfers must maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times.

Groups of players are restricted to no more than 4 players at one time.

Members-only clubs can allow guests as determined by the security personnel on the golf course.

Private clubs that allow non-members to make reservations can do so at their discretion.

Maintenance personnel are permitted to work on the golf course.

Tee Time Policy must be 15 minutes between groups.

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## Hall to present 'Women's Challenge' games

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the matchups for the Hall of Fame Women's Challenge on Saturday, November 28th and Sunday, November 29th at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn.

Local favorite and 11-time National Champions UConn (which joins the Big East Conference on July 1) will take on Quinnipiac (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) in the opening round, and Maine (America East Conference) will faceoff with Mississippi State (Southeastern Conference). The championship and consolation game will follow on Sunday.

“The Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to celebrate the women's game with our Women's Challenge at Mohegan Sun, a longtime partner of the Hall and a beautiful property for fans to enjoy,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. “UConn fans

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## Submit senior athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring's season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.

## Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games

thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out,

go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be take place as soon as conditions are allowed, but new player applications are still being accepted.

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cial count. Obviously, this can become controversial in late innings and for pitching later in the week. With Sophia, I have perfect trust that it would have been done accurately and correctly. For coaches, with so much going on in the course of the game that is one less thing I would have to worry about. Pus, Sophia is an

athlete herself; a freshman would only complain once about whether it was a hit or an error. Sophia would make the call and they would live with it."

Fanning called the cancelled season disheartening, saying the Class of 2020 will miss out on moment that cannot be replicated. He said he always reminds the team how lucky they are to have baseball.

"Just last week I was at Whitney

Park," he said. "I was collecting some equipment to bring back to storage at the high school. It was cold and windy and I probably was not in a good mood. I texted my assistant coach, Mike Dowd, that it was not a beautiful day for baseball. After exchanging a few texts, we came to the conclusion that it was a beautiful day for baseball and we wished for our season back."

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Golfers must stay in their car until 15 minutes before their tee time and must return to their car immediately following play.

Online and remote payment options must be utilized.

All golfers must use their own golf clubs. Sharing golf clubs or rental golf clubs is not allowed.

Flagsticks must remain in the hole. Hole liners must be raised so picking a ball out of the hole doesn't occur.

Bunker rakes must be removed, and ball washers must be removed or covered.

Practice putting green, driving range, and chipping areas must be closed.

Facilities must have readily accessible hand sanitizer.

"The Alliance of Massachusetts Golf Organizations (AMGO) would like to thank the Re-Opening Advisory Board for their hard work and diligence during this process to resume play in Massachusetts. AMGO is continuing to work with the Governor's Administration to identify and develop additional solu-

tions to emerging issues in the golf industry and to keep them informed on the needs of our community. We understand that many golfers require cart usage for medical reasons or disabilities, which was originally part of our request to the Re-Opening Advisory Board on May 2. We have and will continue to request such adjustments to the guidelines as appropriate to keep everyone safe and to ensure the whole community is able to enjoy the necessary physical and mental exercise that we all need during this time."



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have created an outstanding environment for the many matchups played here over the years and we are excited to host our three additional participating schools in a first-class event."

The Women's Challenge is one event in the Hall of Fame's series of

collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. Tickets will be available for purchase via the Mohegan Sun box Office and Ticketmaster in September 2020. Specially discounted two-day ticket packages will start at \$25 and offer a savings of 30 percent or more (off the single

day rates). Game times and television details will be released at a later date. As the health and safety of the athletes, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely in the coming months and provide updates as needed.

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# May is National Nurses Month

*No time in the history of modern nursing has this special observance been so important and meaningful*

SPRINGFIELD – National Nursing Month provides an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the many nurses both on the front lines and behind-the-scenes in the unprecedented battle with the coronavirus.

Traditionally celebrated from May 6-12 each year, the celebratory week has been expanded to a month-long celebration to elevate and celebrate nursing as part of the “Year of the Nurse and Midwife,” sponsored by the American Nurses Association (ANA).

According to a statement from the ANA, “Honoring our nation’s nurse heroes is more profoundly significant than we anticipated when extending the traditional National Nurses Week to a month. The global COVID-19 pandemic shifted the focus from the “Year of the Nurse and Midwife,” but now more than ever we must support and recognize nurses who work with courage and compassion under extremely challenging circumstances.”

Christine Klucznik, DNP, RN, vice president, Patient Care Services and chief nursing officer, Baystate Medical Center, agrees that it is important to recognize the commitment and dedication of Baystate Medical Center nurses and others around the country who are treating extremely ill COVID-19 and other patients requiring care during the crisis.

“I am in awe of the commitment and dedication of our Baystate nurses who



Courtesy photos

**Amber Leary RN is a Baystate Medical Center nurse currently working on a COVID-19 unit.**

tirelessly step forward every day to care for so many severely ill COVID-19 patients. Nobody could have imagined a global pandemic to sweep our world so soon, putting the lives of many at risk in nearly every country in the world. The physical and psychological burden placed on nurses on the front lines is unparalleled in their history as caregivers. Yet they have shown a resiliency in dealing with an unknown virus, which requires them to put new skills to work for their patients as more is learned about the virus,” said Klucznik.

Whether it is a national health emergency or routine daily care, nurses’ vi-

tal contributions impact the health and well-being of our communities, which is why ANA selected the theme of May as “Nurses Make a Difference.”

A second theme announced by the World Health Organization before the coronavirus pandemic began making news is “Year of the Nurse and Midwife 2020” in honor of the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, considered the founder of modern-day nursing. Her principles of hygiene including handwashing, which she implemented while tending to wounded soldiers during the Crimean War, apply to the current fight in preventing further

spread of the novel coronavirus.

Asked why someone might want to enter the nursing profession today, Klucznik said when making her nursing rounds during the pandemic, those nurses treating COVID-19 patients have her told her, “This is why I went into nursing.”

“Treating patients during the pandemic has further exemplified what nurses feel so passionately about – compassion, empathy and caring for the human condition at its most vulnerable time,” said Klucznik.

Nursing today offers a tremendous range of opportunity not available to nurses when Florence Nightingale made her mark in the mid-nineteenth century. Those considering a career in the highly-respected profession can choose to practice as clinicians, administrators, researchers, educators and policymakers, and similar to Baystate Medical Center, nurses work in a variety of settings outside of the hospital as well, including physician practices, home health services, outpatient clinics, and community health centers.

Baystate Medical Center’s high quality nursing care has earned it prestigious status as a Magnet Hospital for Nursing Excellence – one of only 10 hospitals in Massachusetts – a distinction that places the hospital’s nursing staff among the finest in the nation. Approximately 8% of registered hospitals in the United States have achieved Magnet Recognition status and only a much smaller percent have been awarded Magnet recognition three consecutive times like Baystate.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. It's now called Experian

4. You can draw it

7. Very fast aircraft

10. Go quickly

11. Fifth note of a major scale

12. Biochemical abbreviation

13. Make somebody laugh

15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

16. City in NE Morocco

19. Colorless gas

21. NE football player

23. A snake is one

24. Small spot

25. Inform

26. Republic of Ireland

27. Large statues

30. Documents about an individual

34. Helps little firms

35. Namibia's former name

36. Large insects

41. Thirsty

45. A well-defined track or path

46. One who utilizes

47. Plant-eating mammals

50. Not in tip-top shape

54. Alternate names

55. A part of a broadcast serial

56. City in central Italy

57. LOTR actor McKellen

59. Trees provide it

60. Men's fashion accessory

61. Type of screen

62. Snake-like fish

63. Possesses

64. When you aim to get there

65. Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

1. Hit heavily

2. Italian rice dish

3. Some are cocktail

4. A citizen of Israel

5. Read-only memory

6. Passed by

7. Northern diving ducks

8. References

9. Iranian language

13. Swiss river

14. Woman (French)

17. Gov't department (abbr.)

18. Consumed

20. Ailments

22. Balkan Jewish appetizer

27. Reciprocal of a sine

28. Skywalker mentor

29. Resinous secretion of insects

31. Similar

32. Female sheep

33. Cool!

37. Borders the Adriatic Sea

38. Flowers

39. It's sometimes upped

40. Immobile

41. Female body parts

42. Common request

43. Made a second thrust

44. Fell into deep sleep

47. Subway resident

48. Brew

49. The event of being born

51. Aspirations

52. Doctor of Education

53. Punk musician

58. A subdivision of a play

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OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Dias, Hilda (Carneiro)

Died May 15, 2020  
 Memorial Mass at a later date  
 Kapinos Mazur Funeral Home

Norton, Dolores R. (Bruno)

Died April 11, 2020  
 Services were private  
 Kapinos Mazur Funeral Home

Pereira, Joao A.Died

May 11, 2020  
 Services will be held in Portugal  
 Ludlow Funeral Home

Pereira, Philomena (Ferreira)

Died May 5, 2020  
 Funeral services were held privately  
 Ludlow Funeral Home

Savitt, David F.

Died May 14, 2020  
 Memorial Service at a later date  
 Ludlow Funeral Home

Stewart, Charles C.

Died May 15, 2020  
 Memorial Service at a later date  
 Ludlow Funeral Home

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive, and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your Perpetual Glory, Amen.

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Hilda (Carneiro) Dias, 93

LUDLOW - Hilda (Carneiro) Dias, 93, formerly of Ludlow, passed away on Friday, May 15, 2020. Daughter of the late Manuel and Jesuina Carneiro, she was born in Milford, MA on March 12, 1927. Hilda worked at the former Forbes and Wallace Department Store and Springfield Wire before her retirement. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Hilda was a loving wife, mother and grandmother whose greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Hilda is survived by her son Mark Dias and his wife Amy of North Easton, MA; her daughter Janice Dias and her husband



Charles Ahmes of Kennebunk, ME and close family friend Charlene Wilson. She also leaves her four beloved grandchildren Ana, Eric, Audra and Alan and a great-grandchild, as well as many nieces and nephews. Sadly, she was predeceased by her husband of 68 years Armand Dias in 2018 and her sons Alan and Armand Dias.

A memorial Mass celebrating Hilda's life will be held at a later date. Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please go to [www.kapinos-mazurfh.com](http://www.kapinos-mazurfh.com).

Dolores R. (Bruno) Norton, 91

LUDLOW - Dolores R. (Bruno) Norton, 91, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 11, 2020. Born in Russell, MA on April 11, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Octave and Mary (Barnowski) Bruno. A longtime Ludlow resident, Dolores worked for Polynet Corp for many years.

Dolores is survived by her son James E Norton Jr. of Wilbraham, her daughter Patricia Cronin of South Hadley and

her sister Marion Smith of Santee, CA. She also leaves her 4 beloved grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Sadly, she was predeceased by her husband James E. Norton Sr.

Services for Dolores were private in St. Thomas Cemetery in Huntington.

Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. For more information please go to [www.kapinos-mazurfh.com](http://www.kapinos-mazurfh.com).

João Alves Pereira, 96

VALDANTA, PORTUGAL - João Alves Pereira, 96, of Valdanta Portugal, died peacefully surrounded by his family on May 11th, 2020. Born in Valdanta, Portugal, Son of Victor and Maria Amélia Pereira, he was a part of the Guarda Nacional Republicana in Portugal. He immigrated to Ludlow, where he was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church and retired from Alavel in Springfield, Mass. He was the husband of Maria Alves Pereira with whom he was married for 64 years.

João leaves behind his daughter Céu and her husband Manny, his son José Luis and



his wife Lurdes, his daughter Milu, his son Nuno and his wife Paula, his son Norberto and his wife Teresa, his son Victor and his wife Nela, his son Fernando and his wife Louise, his daughter Fatima and her partner Michael, his seventeen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He also leaves behind his siblings Joaquim, José, Ester, and his lifelong friend António.

João is predeceased by his wife Maria, his brother Luis, and his son Orlando. Services for João will be held in Portugal by his family. For additional information online at [www.ludlowfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlowfuneralhome.com)

Philomena "Phoebe" (Ferreira) Pereira, 86

LUDLOW - Philomena "Phoebe" (Ferreira) Pereira, 86, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2020 at Vero Nursing home in Wilbraham, MA from complications of the coronavirus, while in the presence of her loving nurses.

Born in Hudson, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Francisco and Virginia (Gasper) Ferreira. She lived most of her life in Ludlow where she was a faithful parishioner and volunteer at St. Elizabeth Parish and the former St. Mary of the Assumption Church. She belonged to the parish's Women's Guilds and was a member of the former Portuguese American Citizens Club. She worked for many years for Mass Mutual Insurance Company.

Phoebe will be remembered most for her selfless giving to anyone in need.

But most of all, she was a dedicated mother that always put her family first.

Phoebe was the beloved wife of the late Francisco Pereira, Jr.; a loving mother to Cynthia Fuller, & partner Tony Spagnuolo, Diane Wojcik & husband Ronald, Edward Pereira & wife Denise, & Jill Pereira, & partner Joe Gonçalves; & "her other daughter" Holly Santos.

She was a cherished VoaVoa to Christopher Graham & wife Meaghan, Brian Fuller & wife Kaitlin; Matthew Graham & wife Lauren; Brittney Pescador & husband Fernando, Kyle Pereira, Tyler Pereira, Alex Pereira, Andrew Pellerin,



and Cory Battles & wife Samantha.

She also was the proud great grandmother to Nora Pescador, Colin James Graham, Aurora Battles, and her little angel in heaven, Lucia Mary Fuller.

She was the beloved sister to the late August Ferreira & his wife Mary; and leaves many loving nieces, nephews, and dear friends. The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to the staff at Vero Nursing home, the love and kindness they expressed to our mom will never be forgotten. We would also like to extend a special thank you to those who visited mom regularly during her stay at Vero, lifelong friend, Ezora Gonsalves, son Mark Gonsalves & wife Maria, Anne Fitzpatrick, Emily McMeans, & The Fioravanti family. The Sunday visits with communion from Deacon's Tom, Bill & John were very much appreciated. We would also like to thank our "second family" Mize Goncalves, Paul & Rui Varandas, for their unwavering support in caring for our mom. Funeral services for Phoebe will be held privately by her family with Ludlow Funeral Home entrusted with her care. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Phoebe's memory to Autism Connection, (<https://autismconnectionsma.org/en/>) or Shriners Hospital for Children 516 Carew St. Springfield, Mass. 01104. For additional information please visit [ludlowfuneralhome.co](http://ludlowfuneralhome.co)

David F. Savitt, 86

LUDLOW - David F. Savitt, 86, a longtime resident of Ludlow, passed away on May 14, 2020, from complications of COVID-19. David was born in Fitchburg, MA, to the late Milton "Duke" Savitt and Eileen (Gillen)

Savitt, on November 9, 1933. He was a 1952 graduate of Fitchburg High School, where he spent many happy hours on the gridiron, fighting for his beloved Red Raiders. David had a lifelong career, as an Advertising Sales Executive, with WHIL Radio in Boston, MA, WARE Radio, in Ware, MA, and retired from WHYN Radio and TV in Springfield, MA. His creative energy and charming smile lent to his success. David did not miss an opportunity for a practical joke or a good laugh. He enjoyed playing cards, golfing, listening to music, singing Karaoke, and was an avid fan of his cherished Red Sox and Patriots. David was the loving husband of his late wife, Constance P. (Boudreau) Savitt, who predeceased



him in 1960. Together, they had four children; Sandra A. Savitt, of Enfield, CT, Bruce R. Savitt and wife Ellen, of Glenn Heights, TX, Karen A. Savitt and husband Patrick Heintz, of Bluffton, S.C., and Deidra M. Thompson and husband Vincent, of Ludlow, MA. David later married the late Nancy L. (Walker) Savitt, who predeceased him in 2002. Together, they had three children; Pamela A. King and husband William, of Chicopee, MA, Robin L. Savitt-King, of Ludlow, MA, and Lisa M. Savitt-King and husband David, of Ludlow, MA. The families blended, as one. David was the cherished Grandfather of Breanne, Wesley, Ian, Emily, Sarah, Michael, Stephanie, Collin, Cameron, Benjamin, Matthew, Corrina, and Billy. David was predeceased by his Grandson, Brandon, in 2006. He was also a Great-Grandfather of 10. He leaves his dear sisters, Deborah Winsor and husband Ronald, of Windham, NH, and Rebecca Wohlleib and husband John, of Shrewsbury, MA. David was also predeceased by his younger brother, Richard, in 1954. He leaves several extended family members and dear friends, as well. The family wishes to sincerely thank the staff of Parkway Pavillion and Fresh River Healthcare for the comfort and care they provided to David. A public memorial service honoring David's life will be celebrated at a later date at Ludlow Funeral Home. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in David's memory to The Alzheimer's Association, or any charity of your choice. Additional information can be found online at [www.ludlowfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlowfuneralhome.com)

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE will be held at East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The cost to take part is \$20 per year. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Director at Activity@ludlow.ma.us or 413-583-3564 ext. 1310.

WESTERN MASS RELICS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Slow pitch with two divisions (50-plus and 65-plus). All games played at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club from May to Labor Day. Registration forms and information available at www.wmass-relics.com.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

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## EVENTS

Editor's note: As towns, schools and clubs continue to assess the threat posed by coronavirus, many are making the decision to cancel or postpone their public events, often with little notice.

The Register will inform readers about cancellations when known and when the newspaper's weekly deadline will permit, but readers should be aware of the possibility that events featured in the printed newspaper, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled without enough notice to print an update. The Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers to confirm that it is still taking place before attending.

## TRIPS

The Polish American Veterans of Wilbraham are planning the following trips in 2020.

QUEEN ESTHER The three-day tour to see "Queen Esther" in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Aug. 26 to28 includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at the Bird in Hand Inn, two breakfast buffets at the hotel. Dinner show "Josiah for President" (Dinner #1) and Miller's Smorgasbord (Dinner #2). "Queen Esther" will have reserved orchestra seats up front. There will be Mount Hope Winery visit, Bird in Hand Farmers Market and Sands Casino visit. There will be a Stop at Mastoris Kitchen Kettle Village and Longwood Gardens. Portchester Diner on return home (meal on own). Baggage handling, all taxes and driver's gratuity included Cost is \$455 for double occu-

pancy, \$435 for triple occupancy and \$575 for single. Deposit of \$75 at sign up, balance due July 15. Cancellation protection \$39 per person. Bus departs 7 a.m.

DOLLY & KENNY at The Stadium Theater, Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Thursday, Sept. 24. Bringing back Dave & Karen for a second show. Sold out the first show. Package includes motor coach transportation, chicken dinner at Wrights Chicken Restaurant. natinee tribute show with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, meal taxes and gratuities. Karen Hester is Dolly Parton and David Karl is Kenny Rogers. Cost is \$92 per person. Final payment due Aug. 28. Bus departs 10 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

"GHOST OF A CHANCE" at The Newport Playhouse & Cabaret in Rhode Island. A Victorian-era tragedy is re-enacted in a supposedly haunted house. Package includes roundtrip motor coach, buffet luncheon, Playhouse Comedy Show, a Cabaret Show (two shows), meal taxes and gratuities. Buffet menu includes lettuce bowl, potato salad, beets and onion salad, three-bean salad, bbq ribs, sausage and peppers, roasted chicken, baked ham, baked beans, sweet potatoes, assorted desserts, coffee and tea. Cost \$102 per person and payment is due Sept. 21. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

For more information on any of the above trips or to reserve a seat call Rich Gosciminski at 413-583-4610. Make checks payable to Polish American Veterans. Mail to Rich Gosciminski, 149 Center St., Apt. #1, Ludlow, MA, 01056. All

trips depart from P.A.V, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard, MA.

9 TO 5 MUSICAL The Catholic Woman's Club of the Diocese of Springfield invites area residents to join the club for a bus trip to see "9 to 5 The Musical" by Dolly Parton, at the Westchester-Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, N.Y., on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The bus leaves the Big Y parking lot in Ludlow at 7:30 a.m. and. returns about 7:30 p.m. Attendees can choose their lunch entree off the menu. Tickets are \$100 and seating is assigned as checks are received. The deadline for payment is June 20. Call Ruth at 413-531-3506 for more information.

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A BOB HOPE USO STYLE TRIBUTE: Thursday, November 12, 2020, featuring Bill Johnson and Holly Faris. at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, Ct. A tribute to America's Veterans. Family style meal Salad, Pasta, Roast Turkey with Gravy and Sliced Roast Beef with gravy, roasted potato, Vegetable, dessert, soda & coffee. Carafes of Red and white Wine on every table. Cost \$ 94. pp \$ 25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due October 2, 2020.

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Charles C. Stewart, 84



LUDLOW - Charles C. Stewart, 84, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Charles was born in Holyoke and was a 1955 graduate of Turners Falls High School before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps where he proudly served his country from 1955-1959. Charles lived most of his life in Ludlow and worked as a commercial artist for Rexall Company. He later worked as security for Bank of America from where he retired, and in retirement, he continued working security at various locations. In his spare time, he loved camping and boating, especially spending time with his family and large community of friends at Mitch's Marina. Charles was the beloved husband of the late Carol A. (Desautels) Stewart, who predeceased him in 2015; a loving father to Joanne Barroso and husband Tony, of Indian Orchard, Janice Hayes and husband



Tom, of Westfield, Jennifer Musiak and husband Kevin, of Indian Orchard, and Jill Fijal and husband John, of Belchertown; a devoted grandfather to Natalie, Nathan, Sara, Joe, Kevin Jr., Kristina, Andrew, and Charlie; a cherished great-grandfather to Connor; a dear brother to Mary Jane Stuart, James Stewart, and the late Harding Stewart; and also leaves many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends including Tammy Szczebak, who was like a daughter to him. At this time, cremation has taken place with a Public Memorial Service with Military Honors at a later date in Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charles's memory to Wounded Warrior Project ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)) For additional information, please visit [www.ludlowfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlowfuneralhome.com).

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# Valley Gives re-launched website

*Community Foundation re-opens online giving portal to connect donors with nonprofits in need*

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts (CFWM) has re-launched the successful Valley Gives website, Valley-Gives.org. The “one-stop-giving” online platform aims to connect donors with local nonprofits struggling to provide vital community programs and services-particularly during the COVID-19 crisis. The Community Foundation will promote the Valley Gives website widely to introduce donors to nonprofits in need.

Formerly a single giving day event, Valley Gives will remain “open” for months to come and will give nonprofits a needed fundraising boost. From cultural organizations to environmental

programs and educational services, local nonprofits are facing many financial challenges triggered by the pandemic.

Visitors to Valley-Gives.org can find a menu of more than 135 nonprofits serving residents across Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. People can learn about community challenges and can donate to one or many causes-all with a few clicks on the central, online platform.

The website also is a means for individuals to create a “peer-to-peer” fundraising page for a local nonprofit, set a goal, and reach out to their networks of friends and family to raise dollars for the organization.

According to Katie Allan Zobel, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, “Many nonprofits in the Pioneer Valley region have had to reduce programs and cancel fundraising events due to the COVID crisis. Others have been

challenged to meet increased needs for services and essentials. Many donors are eager to help. We decided to re-open Valley Gives to facilitate community generosity and to give donors an easy way to learn about and donate to many nonprofits. Most importantly, Valley Gives is one more way to help reduce the devastating human cost of COVID-19.”

Donors can contribute on the Valley Gives website using a credit card, mobile payment apps, or Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payment.

GiveGab donated the cost of the Valley Gives platform. According to Zobel, “GiveGab’s tremendous generosity in providing the platform pro bono and their willingness to expedite the start-up made this possible.”

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts launched Valley Gives, a 24-hour marathon day of giving, in 2012. The event was created

to raise critical dollars for the Pioneer Valley nonprofit community, whose programs and services improve the quality of life for countless local residents from all walks of life.

In its six years of one-day online giving combined, Valley Gives Day raised more than \$10 million for nonprofits in the region. In 2018, its final year, more than 400 nonprofit organizations participated in the event.

In addition to Valley Gives, which directly connects individual donors with nonprofits, the Community Foundation established the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley. Grants awarded through the fund provide emergency support to nonprofit organizations in Western Massachusetts serving the needs of the most vulnerable populations affected by the pandemic. To date, the Fund has raised \$4.3 million from 500 donors and has already awarded grants totaling nearly \$2 million.

## AAA Northeast reopening select Massachusetts offices

*RMV services available to members by appointment*

REGION – AAA Northeast is reopening select branch offices in Massachusetts as of May 18th, while following strict social distancing procedures and CDC guidelines for the protection and benefit of employees and AAA members. Members should visit [aaa.com/branches](http://aaa.com/branches) and enter their zip code to find the nearest open of-

fice. Everyone will be required to wear a face covering to enter and conduct business at AAA branch offices, and will be asked to socially distance. There will be a strict limit on the number of members allowed in AAA branches at any given time.

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles services will be available by appointment only to members who complete an online reservation ahead of their visit, and members can schedule appointments up to two weeks in

advance. AAA membership, insurance, travel and financial services will be available, either in person or through a virtual meeting. In some cases, curbside service will be available. Due to staffing issues, some branches may remain closed or close on certain days, so members are urged to check the web site at [aaa.com/branches](http://aaa.com/branches) or call the branch prior to visiting.

“In strict adherence to the Governor’s guidance, we are pleased to be

reopening Massachusetts offices with the goal of helping and serving during this challenging time,” said John Galvin, AAA Northeast President and CEO. “We’re also eager to resume Registry services, though they will be by appointment only for the foreseeable future,” he added.

Office hours will be Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To make an RMV appointment, visit [aaa.com/appointments](http://aaa.com/appointments).

## The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

- **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what’s going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents’ lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

- **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

- **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

- **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

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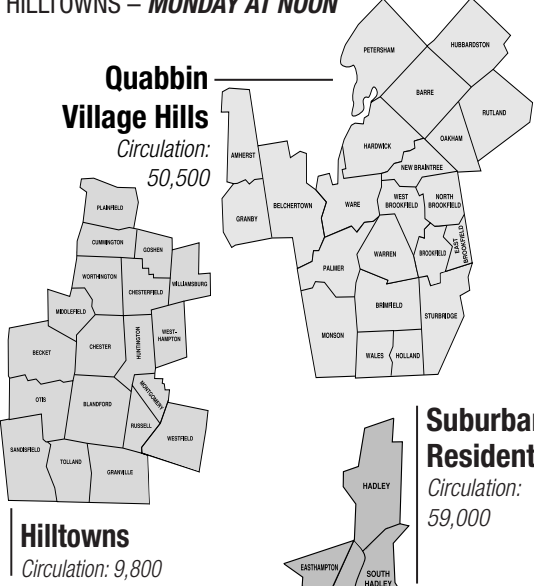
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